

Rush Creek Neighborhood Meeting

July 12, 2011

Citizen Comments

Light at Ridgeside and Woodland Park to slow traffic down.
Looks nice. Good job keeping up appearances.
Why can't Creekside stay and create a parking lot for the park on some of the new land?
Must have parking area.
Do not remove streets.
Sand volleyball courts, restrooms, covered playground area, better walking trails
Keep installing more lighting - like the streetlamps recently installed.
Very nicely kept. Needs parking!
Parking around Clarence Foster park is a neighborhood issue.
We like the idea of taking the road between the parks out.
Benches along the trails. Pavilion would be nice in 1 of these 2 areas.
Need lots mowed while awaiting house removal. Park riding mowers causing mini dust storm - as grass is gone.
Parking lot for Clarence Foster Park? Pavilion for Clarence Foster Park.
Add restrooms and covered playground area
Please add restrooms - please cover the playground - please maintain walkway. Please don't put bike trail and walk trail together.
It sounds good to me! We use the parks for walking and love the bluebonnets in the spring.
We like this park but would like to see more picnic facilities - benches, tables, etc.
I love it.
Sounds pretty good.
Positive comments on proposal including road closures and trails.
Will the proposal maps be online to view?
Add tennis/basketball courts
Add a permanent skatepark
Walking bridge connecting apts may eliminate some foot traffic on woodland park.
If you remove roads you will increase traffic on Woodland Park. This will be a problem. Can a light be put in at Ridgeside?
Please mow. It looks awful. The worst in 30 years. It is a fire hazard.
Could you buy out our house?
Why keep the condos natural? It would make great sports fields, tennis and basketball courts. Why so much "natural" areas? What about recreation? Can there be a community garden?
Put a dense scan of the map on COA website.
Don not remove streets. Maintain park better - weeds are over 6' now.
Restrooms
Lights? Must be mowed because skunks, rats and snakes plus fire hazard and looks abandoned.
Fire hazard leaving this "natural" will create habitat for rodents - rats/skunks, etc. in residential areas.
Is there room for a splash park?
What are you doing about the creek?
More hiking trails and more biking trails
We love walking through the pecan grove.

Like the concept - concerned about how long this may take. Are bike paths planned along with walking paths? Will Kelley Park have lighting?
I love it.
Natural area for Kelley Park is good but more of area backing to homes needs to be mowed regularly.
Sounds pretty good.
Positive comments on proposal including road closures and trails.
Add bluebird houses
Increase lines of sight around curves on trails
Do not add trail on west side of park behind homes
Request for Kelley Park deed - believe that it states that it must be mowed regularly
Traffic control/flow for Dunn Elementary effects Southcrest/Arkansas.
Fence around Willow Apts keeps being torn down. Traffic speeds on Woodland Park.
Mosquitoes
We are desperate for some code enforcement.
Provide training on mosquito control. Make pyrethren available to residents who attend training.
Dredge creek - 26 years ago you could see tracks, not any more. Fine homeowner who dumps grasses and leaves Creekside and Woodland Park clean up curve - dangerous by Valleydale & Crest.
Is fencing required between my lot and new park area? If so, what kind?
Dredge creek, cut trees back on Creekside and Woodland Park
Lots of wild animals, need a little help.
Putting a walking/bike path behind houses on east side of Southcrest invades our privacy and security.
Seems we want to question city staff - all want to hear the discussions - open meeting in the neighborhood.
Sidewalk on Woodside; slow down traffic on woodside.
The flood downshifted our land.
Please consider looking at the bridge at Division St. where Rush Creek goes under Division. This is a major bottleneck, ie bridge built to flow 10k gallons per/min. Flooded creek flows 100k gal/min. It has to back up and flood.
Really want to work on neighborhood. I want to help.
1. We have tons of people who use our park for sports practices. If you don't provide parking for the Clarence Foster Park and you take out streets, you will push all these cars into our neighborhood. Could you please look at this vital need. 2. When will the apartments across the creek be demolished? They are going to turn into a crime area, if they haven't already. 3. Can we all get a copy of the map that was presented tonight?
We like the idea of removing Valleycrest to the park.
Hold an open meeting. Look that up on the Internet so you know what that is.
What about a dog park or a fenced off area for dogs. There are a lot of dogs walked in the neighborhood and it would be nice to have an open area for our dogs to run free.
Poorly designed meeting to break up into groups - chaos ensued. I believe questions from the floor would have been better. I could not get near a map.
What is going to prevent the creek from flooding the whole neighborhood? It appears that what you are doing is demolishing houses and allowing weeds and snakes to flourish and ignoring the flooding problem. What is the future plan for the creek?
Wondering when gas drilling will start in area.
What kind of schedule is going to be made for mowing and maintenance? Removing 50% of parallel parking on Creekside & putting it on Woodland Park Blvd. Need more parking lots.
I've lived at the above address since 1979. This meeting was hardly conducive for the exchange of information. Bob was rude and immediately cut off any attempt to interact with the community. I suppose you can check this obligation off your list of things to do.
Does the city plan to offer me a buyout of my property at 2114 Valleywood Drive?

I thought it was generous of the city to offer to buy the flooded homes. I have lived in Arlington 25 years and do not ever remember so much hard rain as came down all night long and on into the morning! We had water come into our house on our upper level, because we're on a slope, on Trowbridge Drive next to Dunn Elementary. Just an act of nature. We put in a new drain in our backyard. The parks are really nice and the city does a fine job! We love Kelley Park and Foster Park... walk there all the time - morning and evening. Some people don't want a parking lot... not a big one.
The backyards facing Kelley Park off Southcrest need to be cleaned up. Some are horrible and are causing property value issues. The alternate path proposal behind these houses would help this issue and raise property values on Southcrest.
What will be the disposition of the yard area still fenced next door?
Want to be kept informed.
Meeting was not public. Residents were not given a chance for open discussion.
Since they knock down the houses on the left of my house (1835 Southpark), can the city build another retaining wall to protect my house?
Are any materials available for takeaway or purchase from the houses: brick, shrubs, etc? Will there be a safe walkway for the Dunn students?
Don't have any questions because the map was too small to see. Should have handed out copies before the meeting.
We would love to have a splash area for the children along with a new playground.
The creek should be widened now and put off again. It should have priority.
Please let us know when more info is available on your website.
Some of the paths in the park are narrowing due to grass growing over the asphalt.
We would like to have a noise barrier around any gas well drilling or related activity. We represented Highview St. homeowners.
Add subdivision entry signage (particularly next to 1901 Woodbridge)
Add sidewalks along Woodland Park when houses are removed
Need more police patrol - kids are hanging out behind fences in Willows Condos
Add off-leash dog park area when condos are removed